

- (3) Fort Hood and North Fort Hood, located in Bell County;
- (4) Coryell, *Gillespie*, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Mills, and San Saba counties;
- (5) the Brady, Lohn, and Rochelle independent school districts located in McCullough County;
- (6) the Burnet Consolidated Independent School District located in Burnet County;
- (7) the Florence Independent School District;
- (8) the part of the Lampasas Independent School District that is located in Burnet County;
- (9) the part of the Lampasas Independent School District that is located in Bell County;
- (10) the part of the Copperas Cove Independent School District that is located in Bell County; and
- (11) the Marble Falls Independent School District.

SECTION 3. Section 130.208, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 130.208. THE VICTORIA COLLEGE DISTRICT SERVICE AREA. The service area of The Victoria College District includes the territory within:

- (1) Victoria, Lavaca, DeWitt, *Gonzales*, and Calhoun counties;
- (2) Jackson County, except the territory within the Ganado Independent School District; *and*
- (3) Refugio County, except the territory within the Woodsboro Independent School District; ~~and~~
- ~~[(4) Gonzales County, except the territory within the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District].~~

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the 2015 fall semester, except that during the 2015–2016 academic year the Austin Community College District may continue to treat the areas removed by this Act from the district's service area as if the areas were still in the district's service area as necessary to avoid an unreasonable interruption of junior college services in the areas.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on March 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 16, 2015.

Effective June 16, 2015.

PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN FORMS FOR USE IN PROBATE MATTERS

CHAPTER 602

S.B. No. 512

AN ACT

relating to the promulgation of certain forms for use in probate matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Government Code, is amended by adding

Section 22.020 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.020. PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN PROBATE FORMS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Probate court" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.007, Estates Code.

(2) "Probate matter" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.029, Estates Code.

(b) The supreme court shall, as the court considers appropriate, promulgate:

(1) forms for use by individuals representing themselves in certain probate matters, including forms for use in:

(A) a small estate affidavit proceeding under Chapter 205, Estates Code; and

(B) the probate of a will as a muniment of title under Chapter 257, Estates Code;

(2) a simple will form for:

(A) a married individual with an adult child;

(B) a married individual with a minor child;

(C) a married individual with no children;

(D) an unmarried individual with an adult child;

(E) an unmarried individual with a minor child; and

(F) an unmarried individual with no children; and

(3) instructions for the proper use of each form or set of forms.

(c) The forms and instructions:

(1) must be written in plain language that is easy to understand by the general public;

(2) shall be made readily available to the general public in the manner prescribed by the supreme court; and

(3) must be translated into the Spanish language as provided by Subsection (d).

(d) The Spanish language translation of a form must:

(1) state:

(A) that the Spanish language translated form is to be used solely for the purpose of assisting in understanding the form and may not be submitted to the probate court; and

(B) that the English language version of the form must be submitted to the probate court; or

(2) be incorporated into the English language version of the form in a manner that is understandable to both the probate court and members of the general public.

(e) Each form and its instructions must clearly and conspicuously state that the form is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney.

(f) The clerk of a probate court shall inform members of the general public of the availability of a form promulgated by the supreme court under this section as appropriate and make the form available free of charge.

(g) A probate court shall accept a form promulgated by the supreme court under this section unless the form has been completed in a manner that causes a substantive defect that cannot be cured.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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